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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: THERMOINSULATING MAT OF
MINERAL FIBERS WITH RANDOM

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A **clean copy** of the claim incorporating any amendments is shown below.

1. (Amended) Thermoinsulating flexible mat of mineral fibers having a substantially random orientation, comprising doubly crimped fibers, a majority of which have a diameter between 2.5 and 4.5 micrometers and a length of 2 to 15 centimeters, wherein the mat has a density not greater than 40 kg/m³,

wherein the doubly crimped fibers are formed by a first step of producing a felt of an undulating fiber structure and a second step of producing a random arrangement of the fibers.

Add the following new claims: